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Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

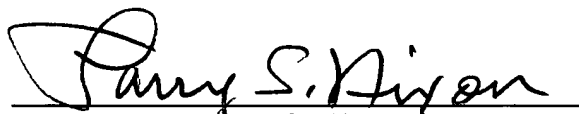
DE-19945840-A1 relates to an optical bus system which is switched from unidirectional operation to bi-directional operation on the detection of a fault in a unidirectional link.

It is also noted that claim 1 of the EPO counterpart corresponds to claim 30 of related US application 10/067,738. The EPO counterpart also contains claims corresponding to the principle claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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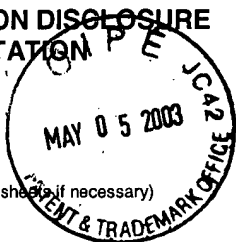
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